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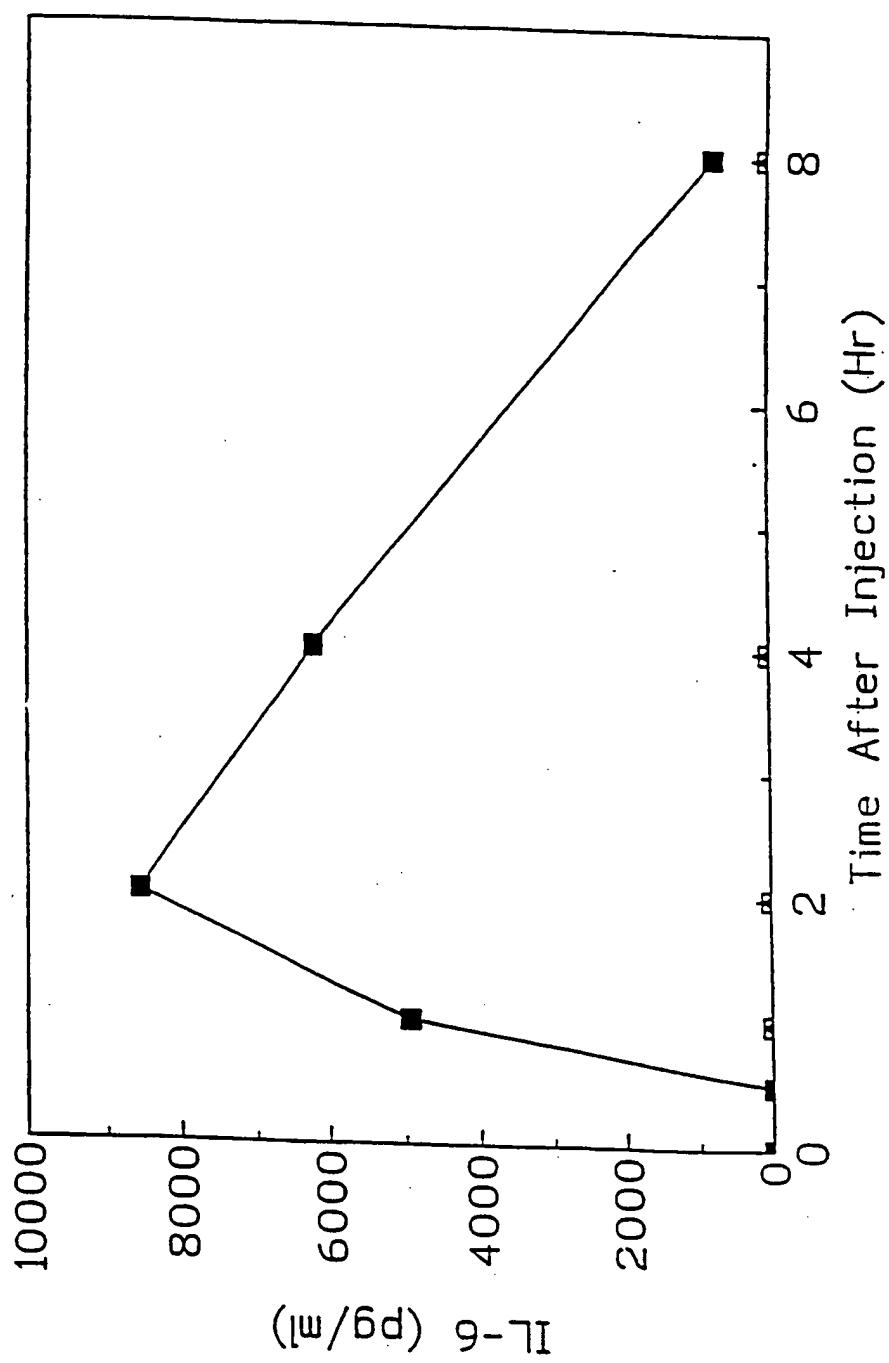


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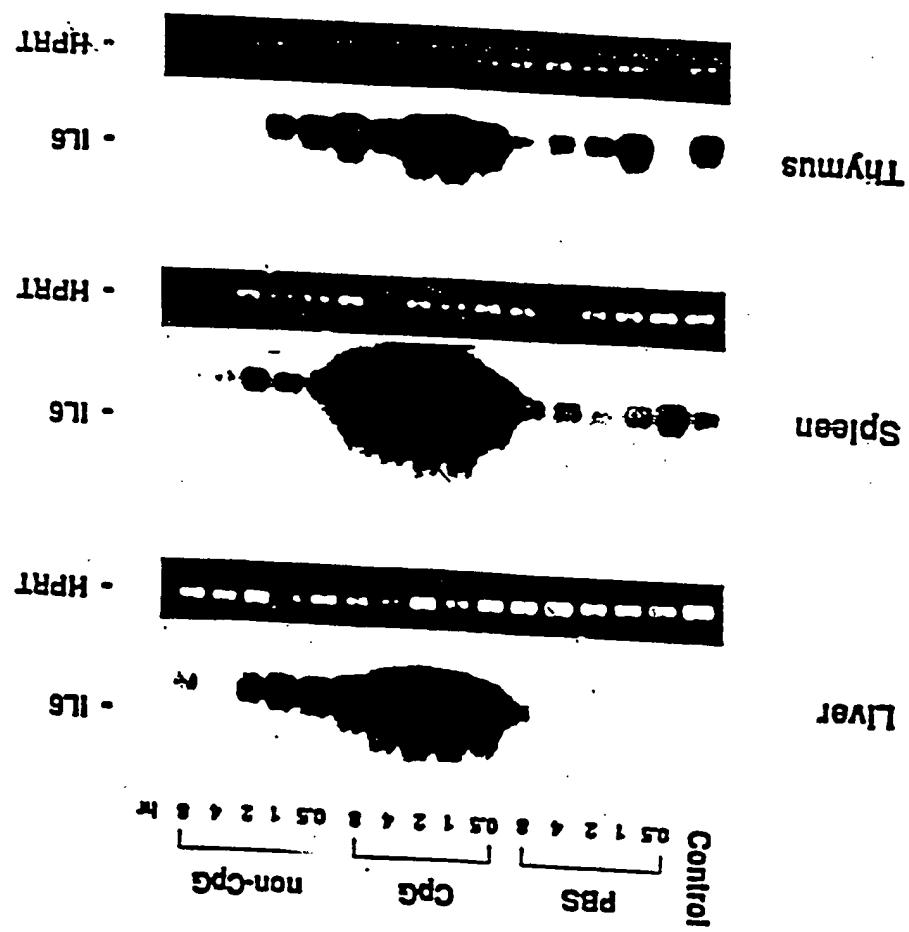


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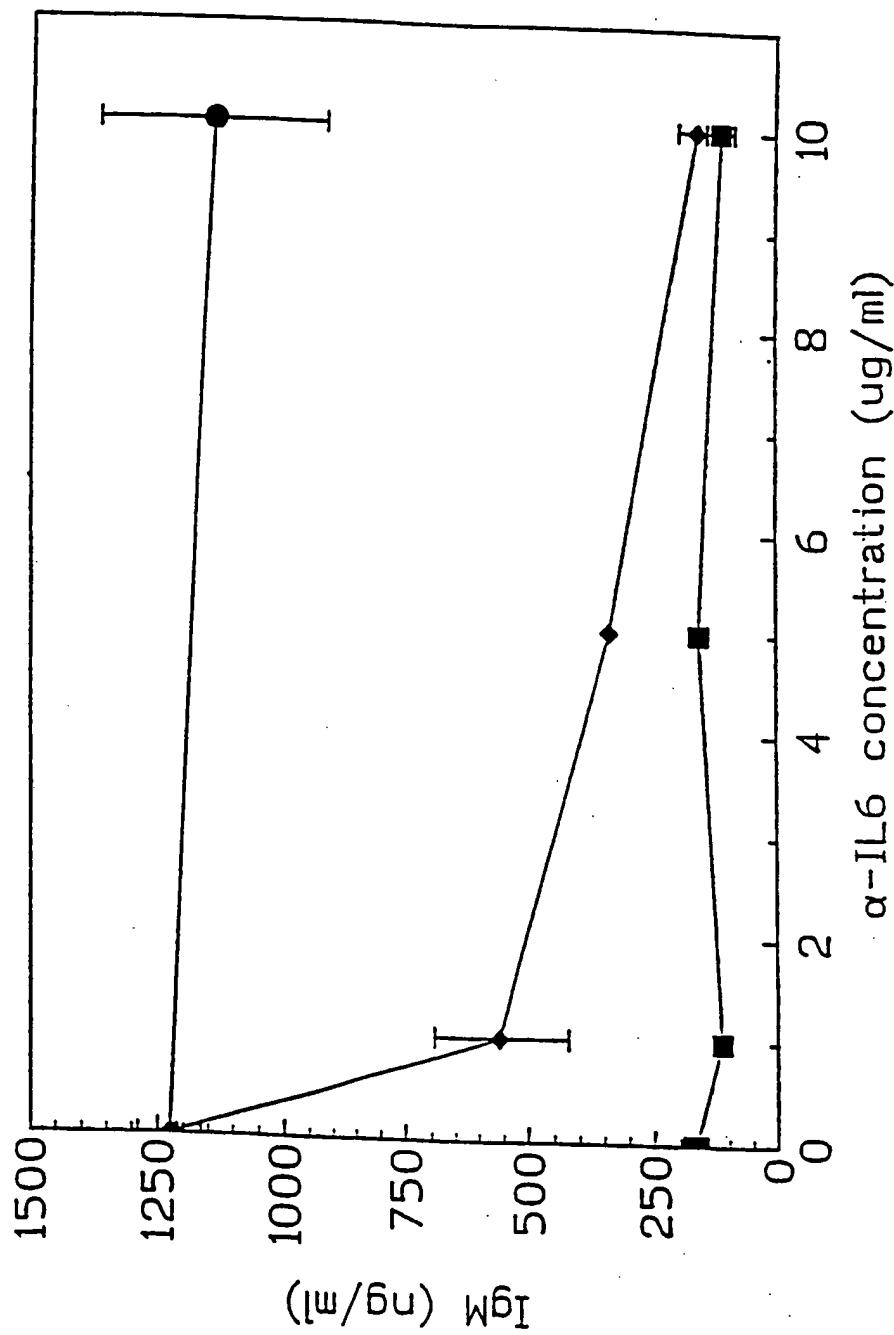
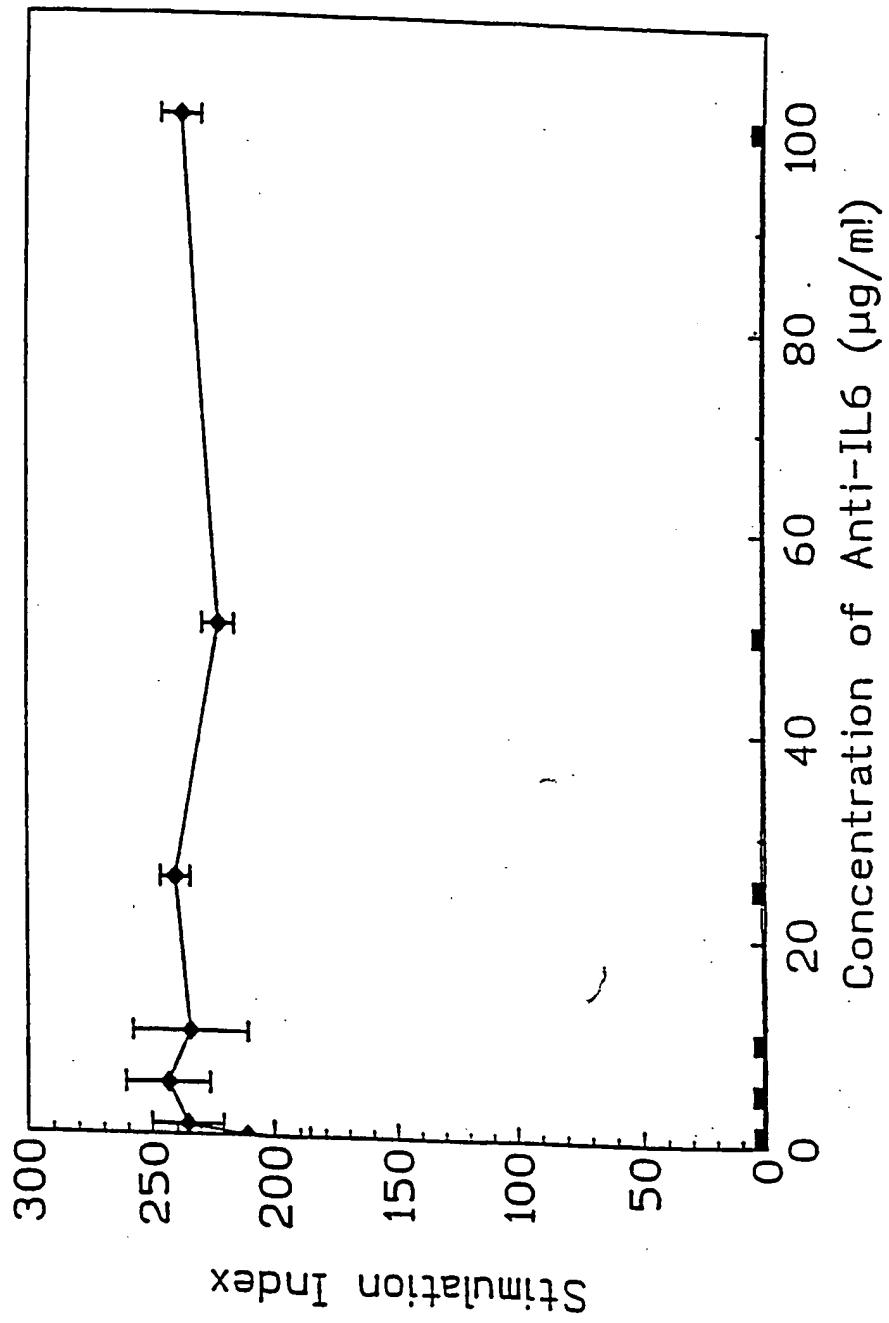
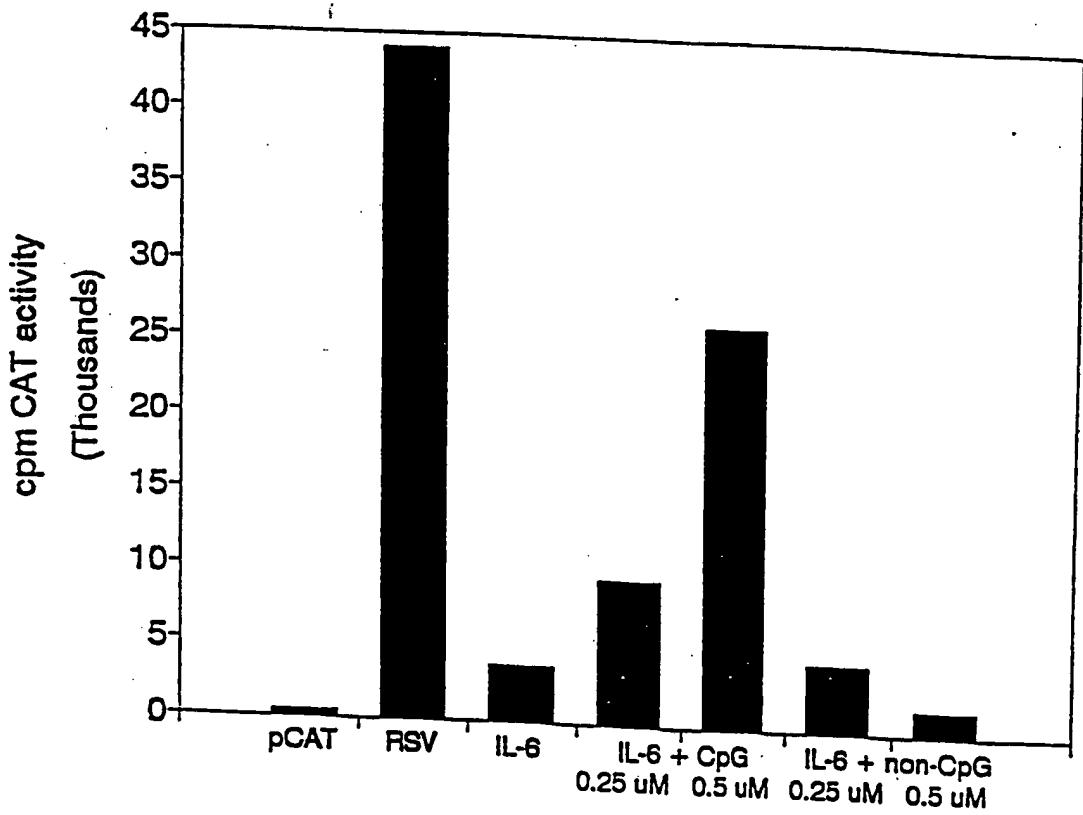


FIGURE 4 B





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FIGURE 6

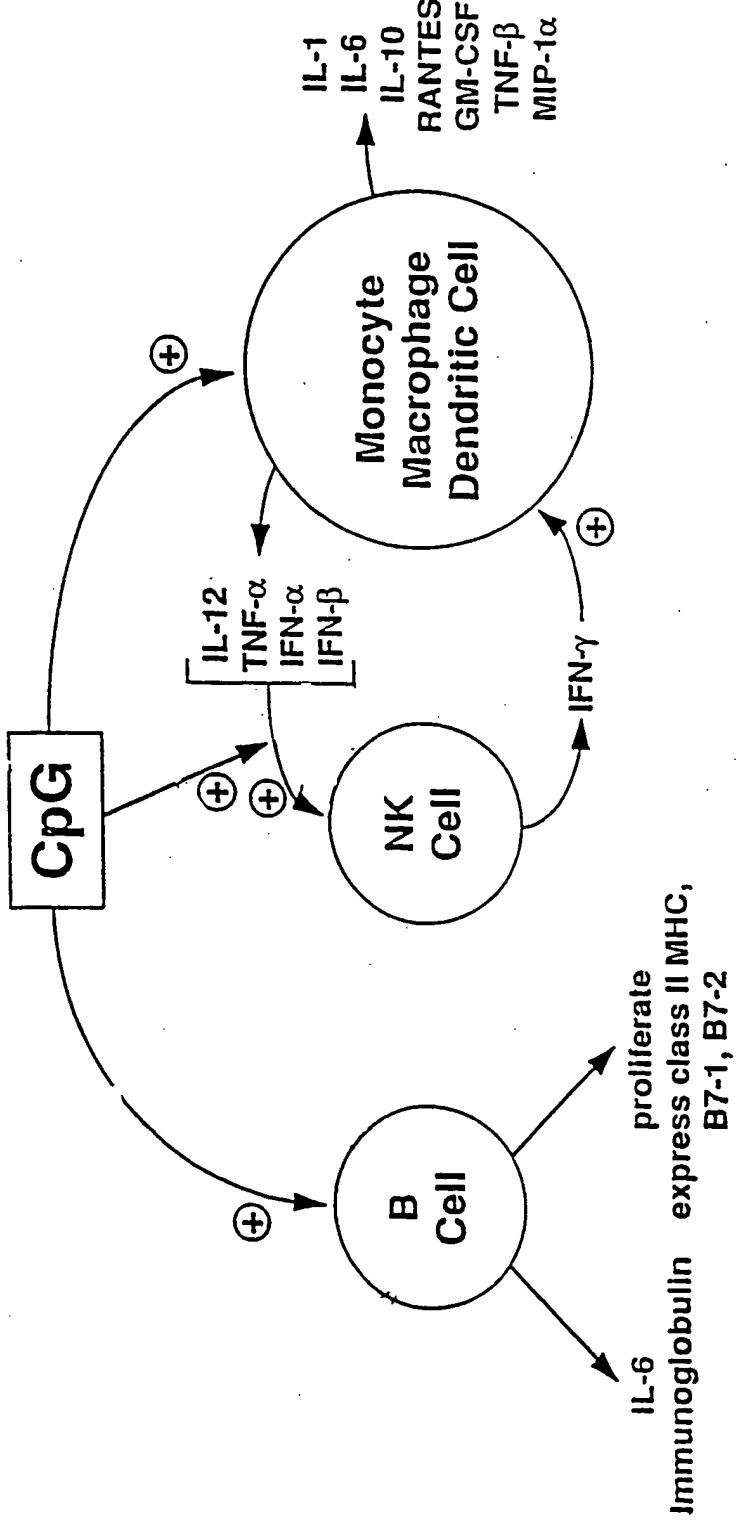
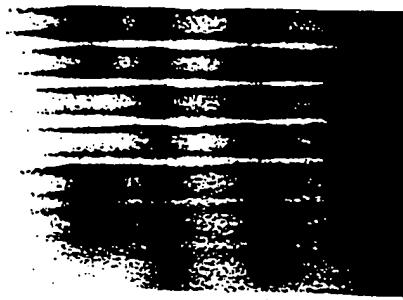


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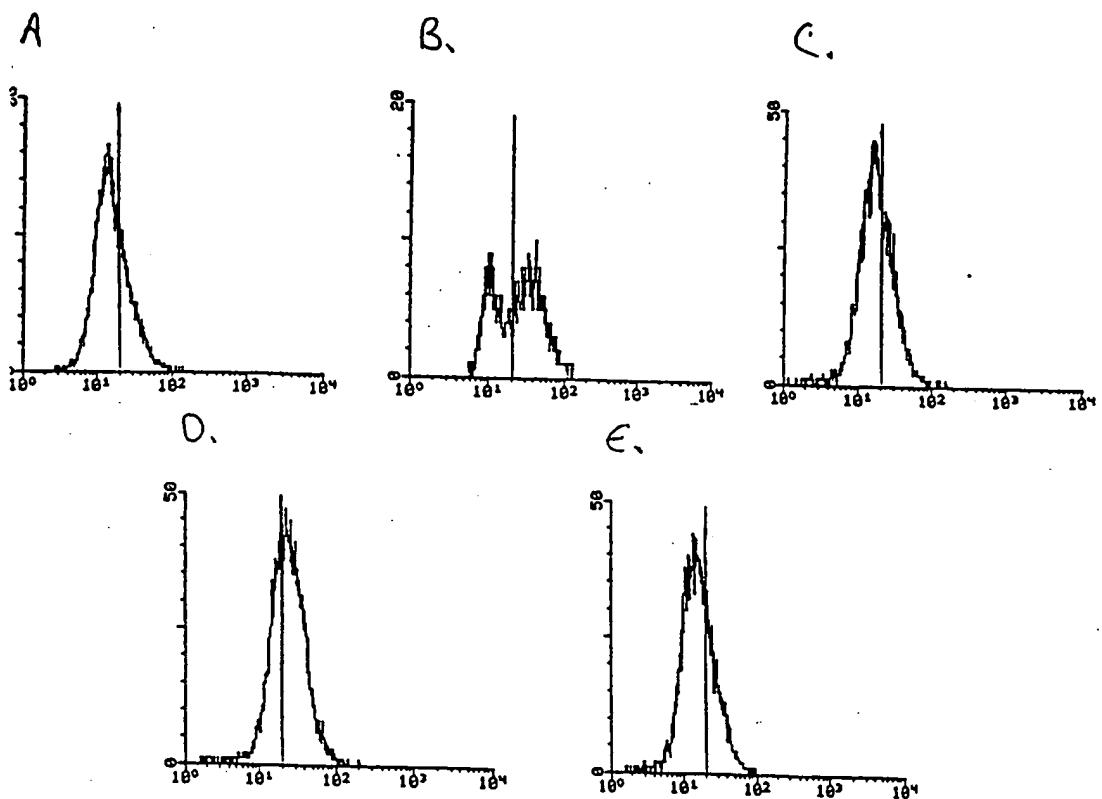
**Timing of NF κ B Activation in Monocytes
treated with E. coli DNA**

Treatment:	0	EC DNA	CT DNA	LPS
min:	0	15	30	15



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FIGURE 8 A



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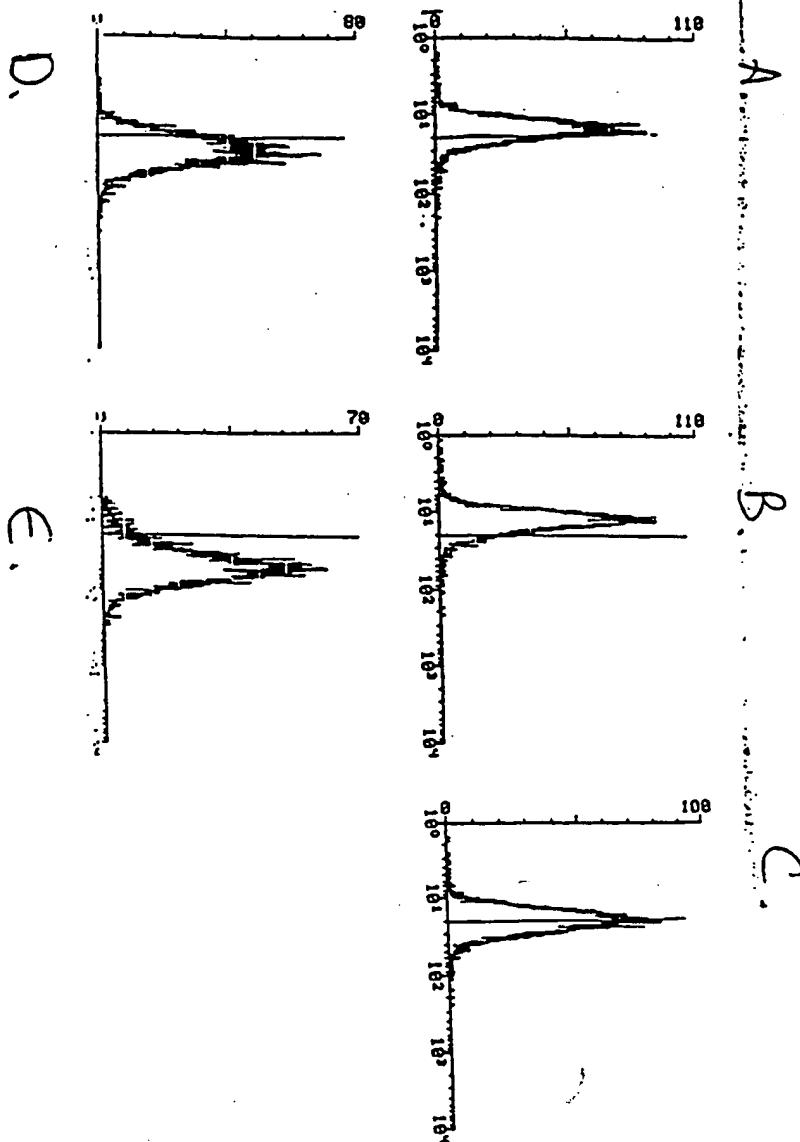


FIGURE 8B

FIGURE 9

Effect of CpG and Airway Exposure on Lung Lavage Cell Count

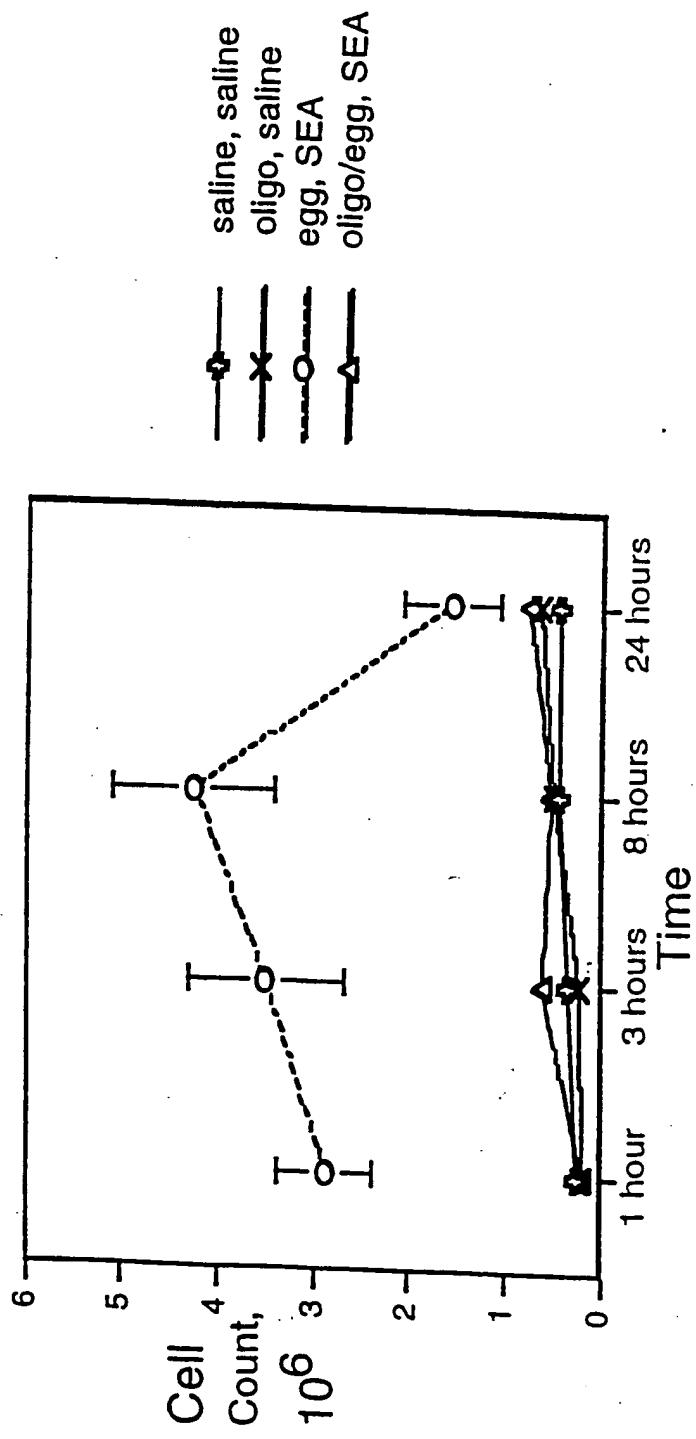
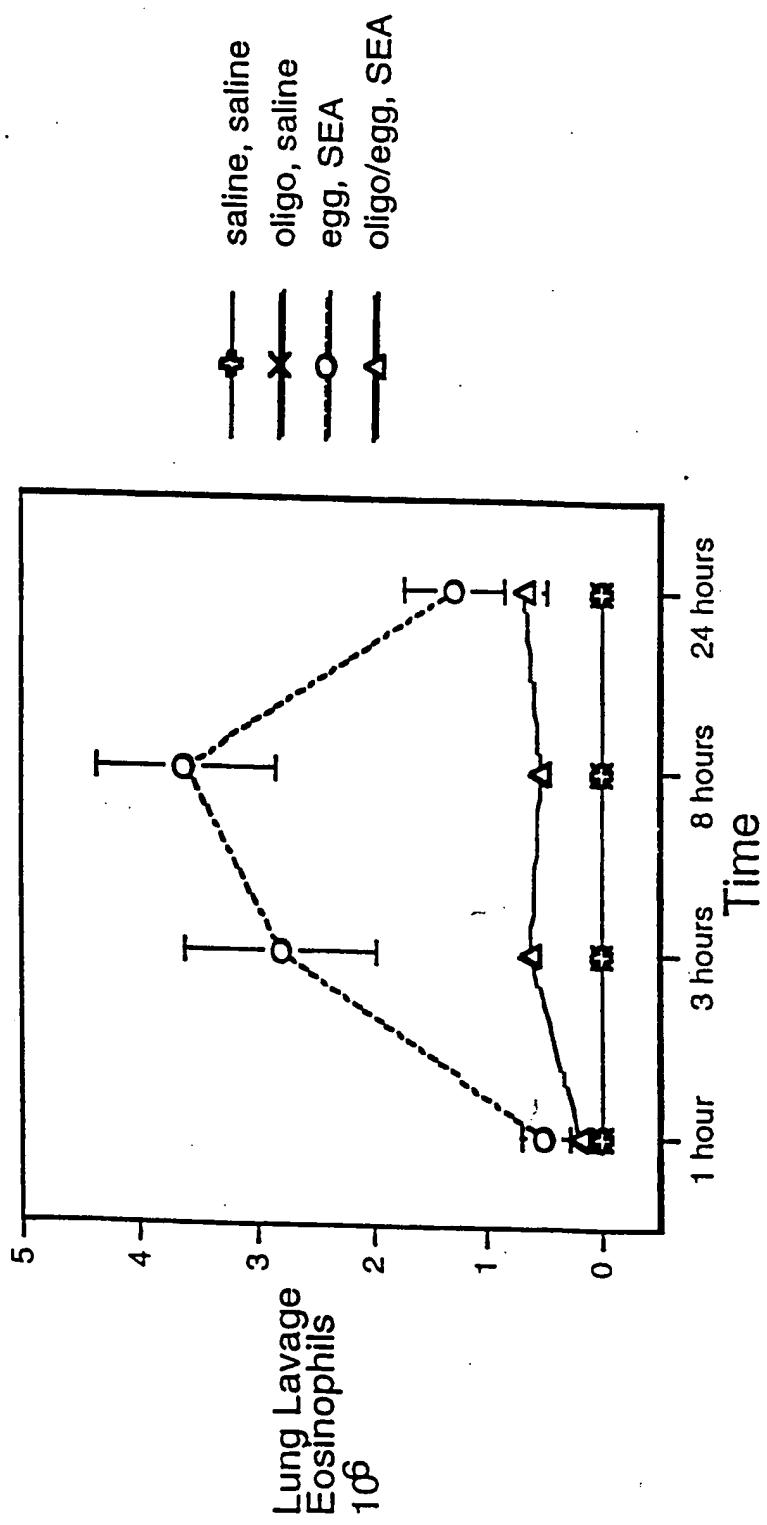


FIGURE 10

Effect of CpG and Airway Exposure on Lung Lavage Eosinophil Count



Effect of CpG and Airway Exposure on Lung Lavage Differential

FIGURE 11

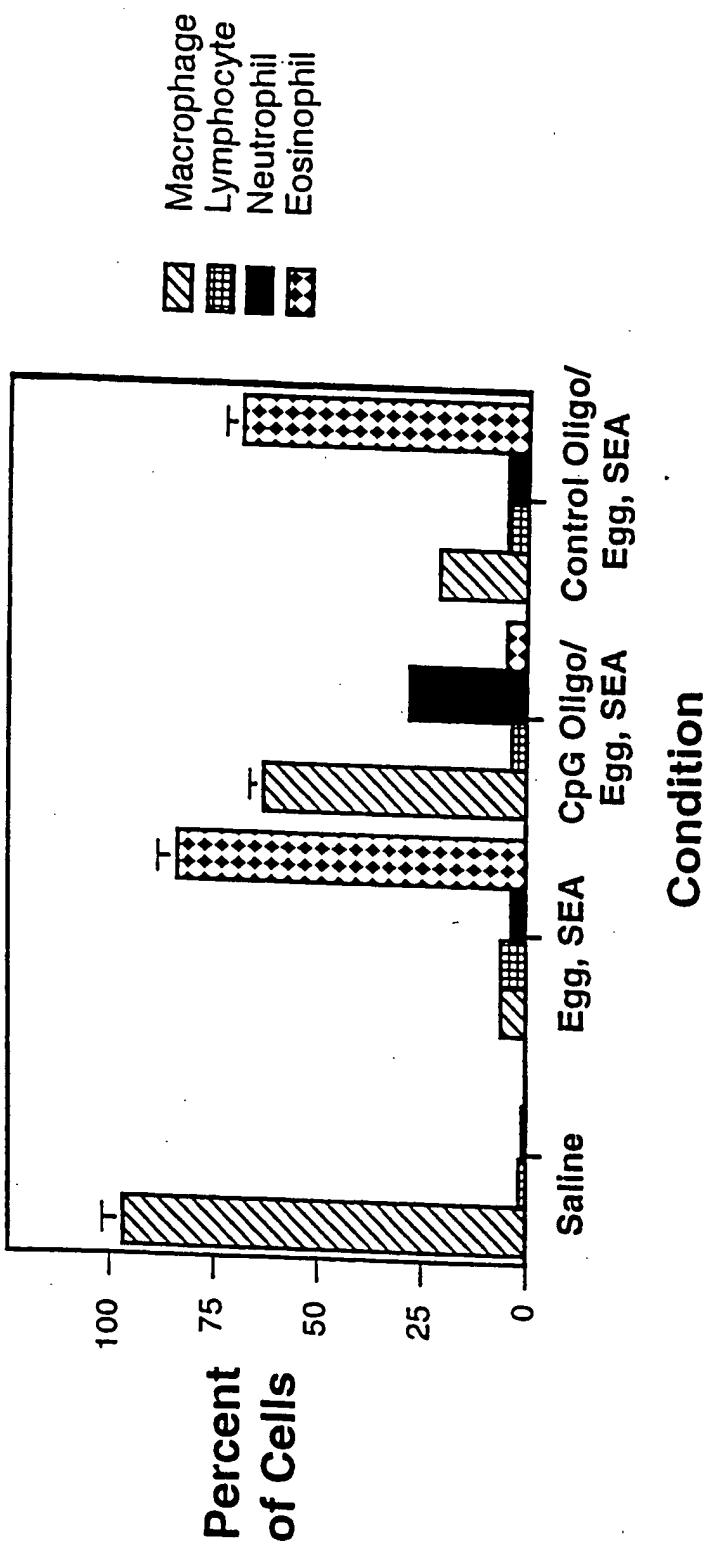


FIGURE 12

Effect of Oligonucleotide Dose on Total and Eosinophil Cell Counts

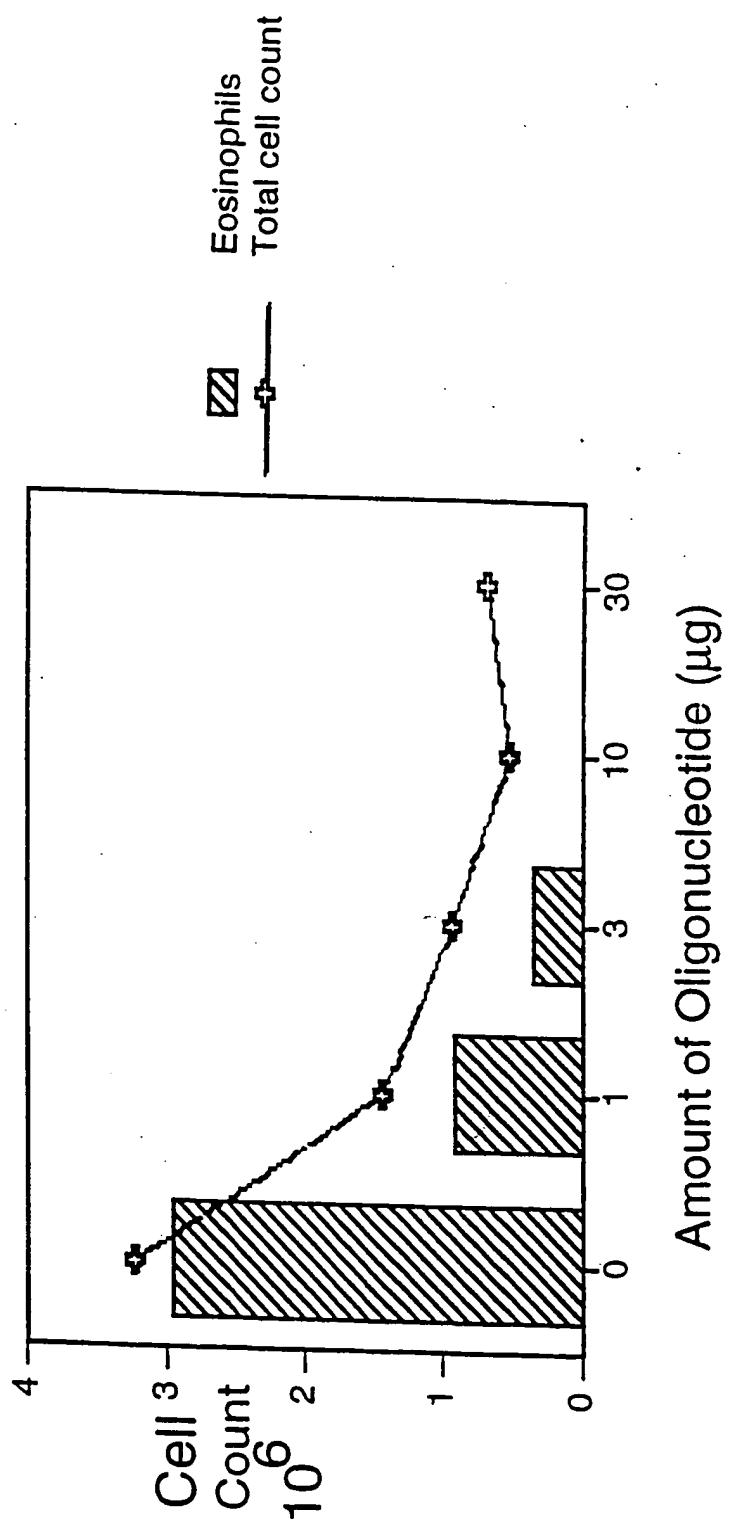


FIGURE 13

Effect of CpG and Airway Exposure on Lung Lavage IL-4

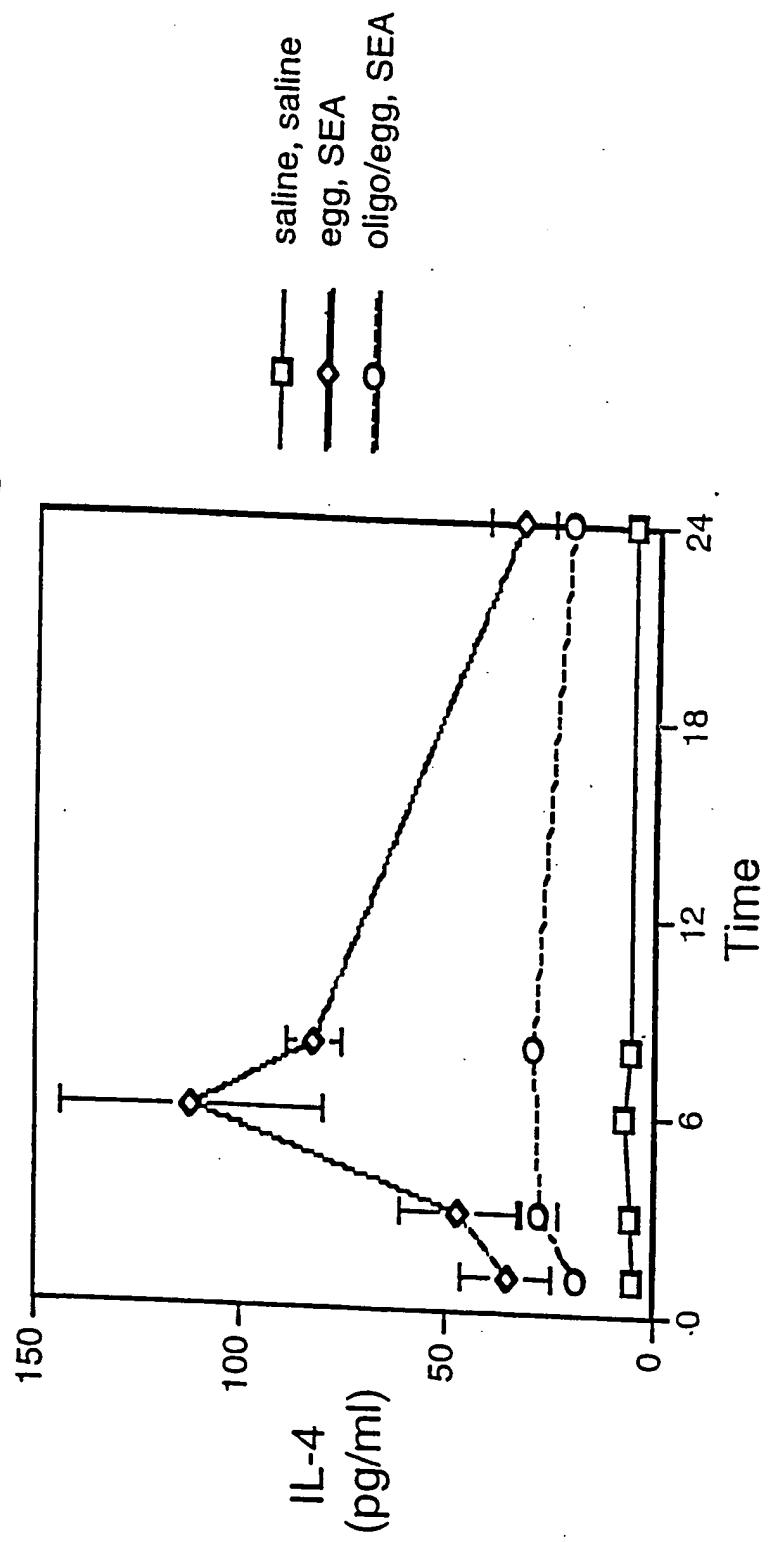
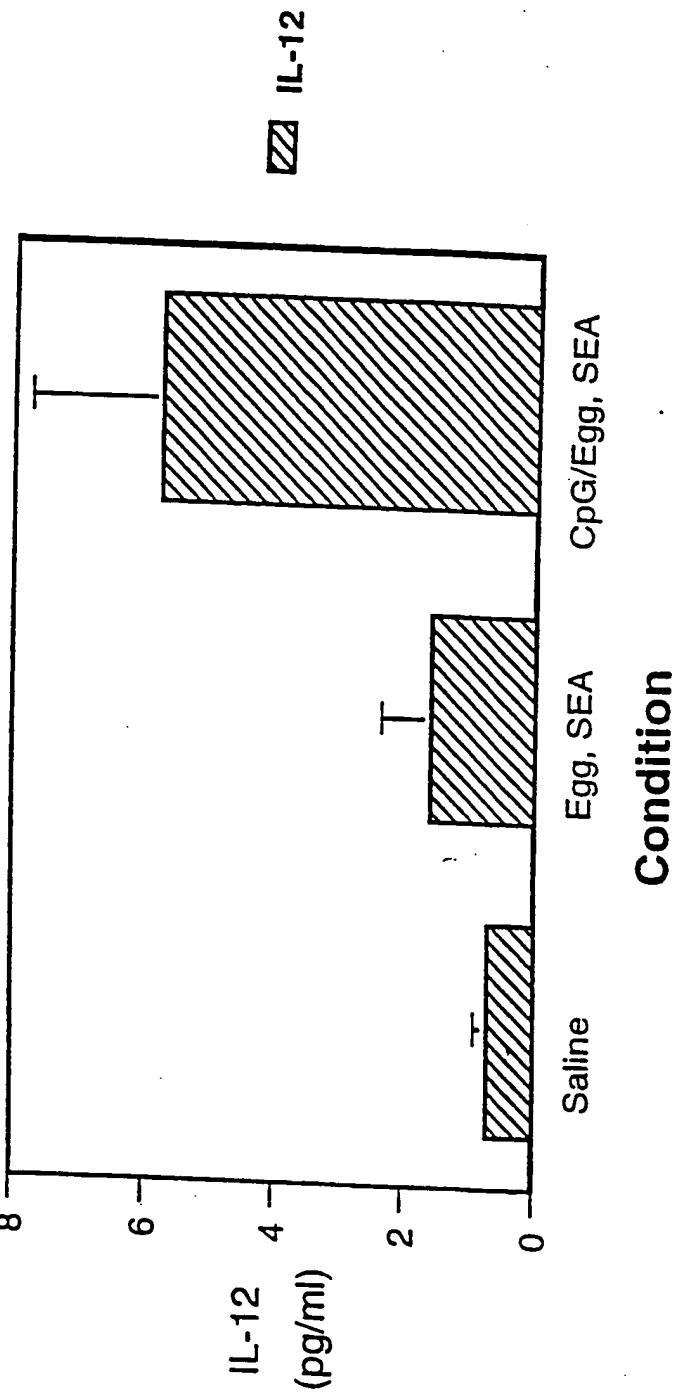


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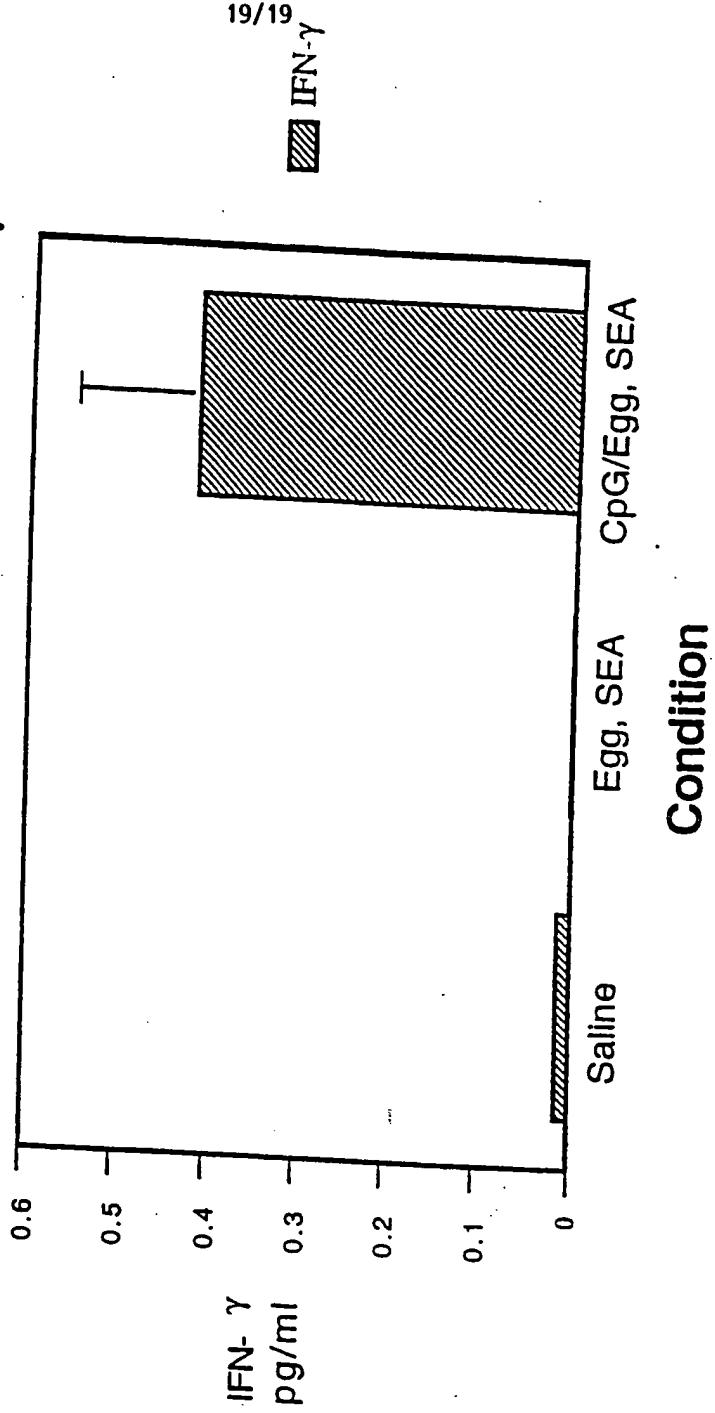
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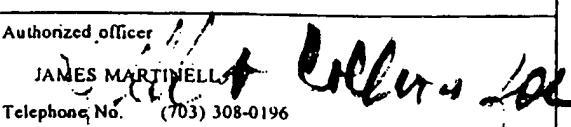
FIGURE 15

Effect of CpG and Airway Exposure on Lung Lavage IFN- γ



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